The Secretary further reported that two petitions on the Land Conservancy Regulation Amendment Bill had also been received, and that these were—

1. petition dated the 18th Kanni 1091, from the Vanjippuzha Chief, and
2. petition dated the 2nd Thulam 1091, from the Poonjat Chief.

The Council decided that those two petitions be put off for consideration at the meeting at which the Bill would be taken up for final reading.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Parameswaren Pillai, who had given notice of a motion, which he proposed to bring forward before the Council, asking for leave to introduce a Bill to amend certain Sections of the Legislative Council Regulation, V of 1073, said that, on further consultation with his Non-official friends, he withdrew the motion.

THE COPYRIGHT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in introducing the Copyright Bill, pointed out that the existing Copyright Regulation was passed in 1039, *i. e.*, more than half a century ago, and that it had been based on the British Indian Act XX of 1847. He said that, in pursuance of the recommendations of an International Convention held at Berlin in 1908, and of those of the Imperial Conference of 1910, an Imperial Copyright Act was passed by the English Parliament in 1911, which Act had been adpoted for British India by Proclamation dated the 31st October 1912. Mr. Subba Aiyar added that the necessary modifications to the English Act were made by Act III of 1914 of the Supreme Legislative Council, and that the present Bill had been drafted on the lines of the English Act as modified by the above India Act, III of 1914. As the existing Copyright-Regulation did not provide for copyright in translations, photographs, sculpture and works of art generally, and as it was necessary to bring the law of copyright into conformity with modern requirements, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Mover and Messrs. Vieyra, Rengaswami Aiyengar, Sesha Aiyar and Velu Pillai, to report within three months.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then introduced the Destructive Insects and Pests Bill, and said that it was thought desirable to have control over articles imported into Travancore which were likely to cause infection to crops. He said that it was doubtful whether a Notification under Section 18 of the Sea Customs Regulation, V of 1088, would adequately cover the cases proposed to be dealt with, and that hence the present Bill was drafted, on the lines of the corresponding British Indian Act, XI of 1914. Mr. Subba Aiyar therefore moved that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Rengaswami Aiyengar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Vieyra, Sesha Aiyar, Richardson and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar.

Carried.

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar next introduced the Weights and Measures Regulation Amendment Bill, and said that, under Sections 5 and 10 of the existing Regulation, fraud had to be established to render a person liable for punishment for the use of unauthorised and uncertified weights and measures in contravention of any Notification issued under Section 5. As the object of the Regulation was to enforce the adoption of a uniform system of weights and measures, Mr. Subba

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